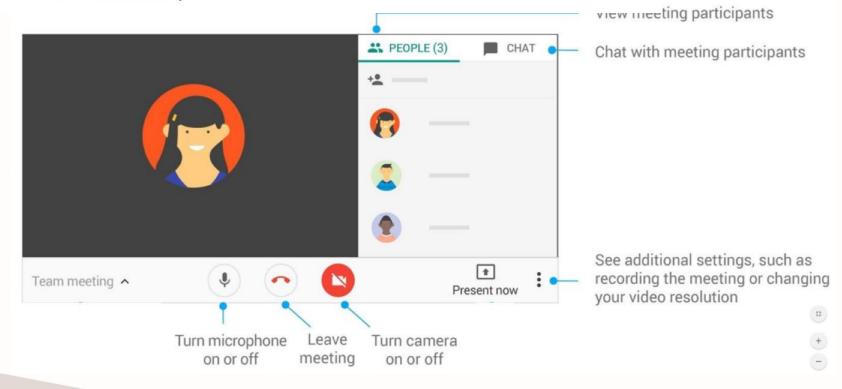


To Participate: Please stay muted and use the in-meeting chat to ask questions. Thank you.



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# VA STATEWIDE BUSINESS DISTRICT RESURGENCE GRANT FUND

**HOW TO APPLY WORKSHOP** 

June 15<sup>th</sup> 2:00 -3:00 P.M.



#### Mission Statement

DHCD is committed to creating safe, affordable and prosperous communities to live, work and do business in Virginia.











# **Business District Resurgence Grant**

The Virginia Statewide Business District Resurgence Grant fund seeks to advance and accelerate the **post-pandemic recovery** of Virginia's **business and commercial districts**. Specifically, these funds will support **historically economically disadvantaged communities** and other business districts that have been **disproportionately impacted** by the pandemic. Through expanding **organizational and business support grants**, funding is envisioned to provide a more inclusive framework for **community-driven**, **comprehensive revitalization** and **vitality**.



# Objectives

- To serve historically economically disadvantaged communities, such as small, women-owned, minority-owned, and immigrant-owned businesses within a targeted business district.
- To provide consultant services, technical assistance and training opportunities for entrepreneurs and small business owners.
- To provide consultant services, technical assistance and training opportunities for commercial and mixed-use building owners, including small-scale real estate developers.
- To support capacity building technical services to create and strengthen local networks and organizations supporting community and economic development in targeted business districts.
- To expand e-commerce opportunities for micro, small, and sole proprietorship businesses that are producing, creating, and making products in Virginia.

# Eligible Applicants

- Local governments (including recognized tribal government)
- Economic development organizations
- Main Street organizations
- Regional economic development entities/PDCs
- Chambers of commerce
- Non-profit (mission or focus related)
  - All Applicants must demonstrate capacity manage, implement and timely complete project



# **Available Funding**

#### \$1,000,000 Funding Pool

- Two grant options
  - Organizational Capacity Building (max \$50,000)
  - Business Support (max \$100,000)
  - Both combined (max \$150,000)

#### 5:1 match requirement

- Eligible sources of matching funds
  - Cash private, public (local, state federal)
  - In-kind goods/services
  - Volunteer hours



# Organizational Capacity Building (up to \$50,000)

#### Example activities:

- Organizational strategic planning
- Community master planning with economic vitality strategies & implementation recommendations
- Municipal matching grant programs with business support outcomes
- Community-initiated development planning
- Entrepreneurial ecosystems
- Market studies and prospectus development
- Other innovative organizational capacity building or technical assistance projects



# Business Support Grants (up to \$100,000)

#### Example activities:

- Small Business and Entrepreneurial Support
  - Innovative SWAM business support projects
  - Community e-commerce platform
  - Small scale production / manufacturing business support
  - Setting up internal small business systems, i.e. legal, financial, accounting, marketing, social media, e-commerce, etc.
- Business retention and expansion strategies
- Marketing and promotional campaigns in support of local businesses
- Building and real estate improvement
  - Building feasibility studies
  - Façade renderings and floor plan development
  - Placemaking in support of local businesses
- Up to 10% of the grant award may be used for grant administration



# Outcomes (must select one or more)

- Businesses created, served or improved
- Jobs created or retained
- Programs developed or implemented
- Communities served or improved
- Organizations served or improved
- Participants served or improved
- Buildings improved
- E-commerce platforms created
- Plans developed or implemented
- Leveraged private investment (LPI)
- Others, as project specific appropriate



# Scoring Criteria

Scoring Criteria	POINTS
Project targets fund program objectives	40
Project impact/outcomes	30
Organizational capacity/readiness	20
Leverage Funding	10
Total	100



## Timeline

- Register in CAMS: ASAP
- June 15, 2021: Application opens
- July 30, 2021: Application deadline
- August 2021: Application review
- September 2021: Award Announcement
- October 2021: Contracts issued
- Nov. 2021: Projects begin
- June 2022: Projects completion



# **Key Application Elements**

- Project Information (contact info/location)
- Budget and Leverage
- Project Description/Narrative
- Attachments



# **Project Description**

#### **Questions:**

- Provide a detailed description of the proposed project. What specific activities will be undertaken with this funding?
- How does project further the Fund's objectives?
- Where will this project take place (describe the business/commercial district)?
- How and when will the proposed project be accomplished?
- Who will be working on this project?
- Expected outcomes from this project, both quantitative and qualitative...



### Attachments

 Project Team: Include list of staff, community partners and/or volunteers that will work on this project. Identify any needed consultants and whether the role is filled or not.

 Project Work Plan: Provide an effective and appropriate work plan for the project that includes tasks, responsible individuals, timeline, and budget. Please use a format similar to the one included in Appendix A.



#### Appendix A

Project Work Plan

The project work plan includes what you will do from the contract start date to the project completion date. The more clearly you understand where you want to go, the more clearly you can see your next steps.

Who	What Will Be Done	Deliverable	By When



# Attachments (cont.)

- Budget/Cost Estimates/Match Documentation:
  - Project Budget Provide a project budget that includes all project related line items for expenditures and all project related line items for funding sources.
  - Explanation of Cost Estimates Provide detailed information on the source of the cost estimates and the date the estimates were received.
  - Leverage Verification Provide verification of leverage funds including contracts, memorandums of understanding/agreements, award letters, and other documentation that confirms the commitment of other resources for the project. Include documentation and calculations for in-kind contributions and volunteer hours.
- Maps/Photographs: Provide a map with outlines of target business/commercial district along with photographs that show current conditions.
- Other Attachments: Provide documents and information that would be helpful to evaluate the proposed project. This might include program designs or program outlines, studies, plans, or master plans.

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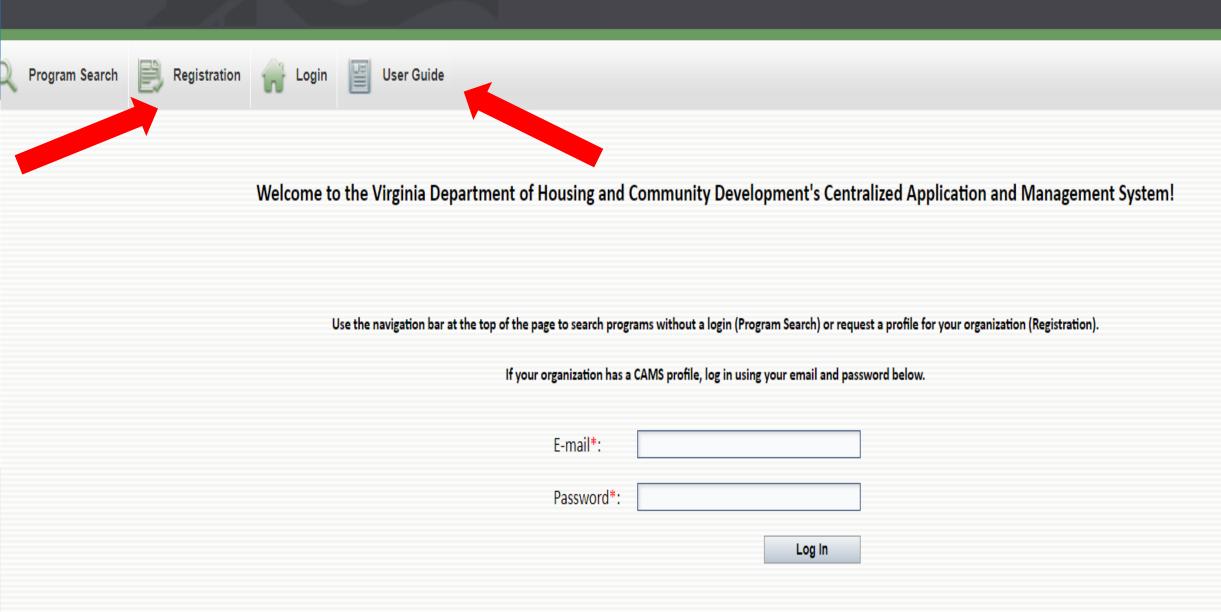
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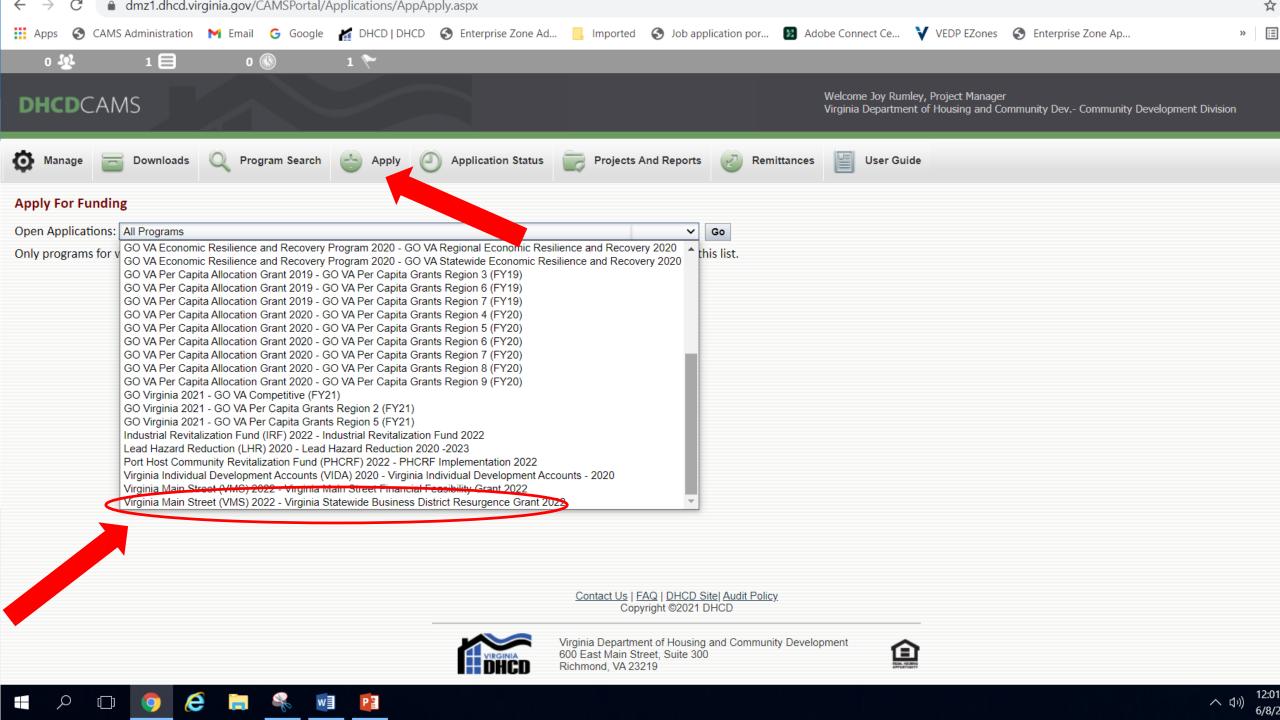
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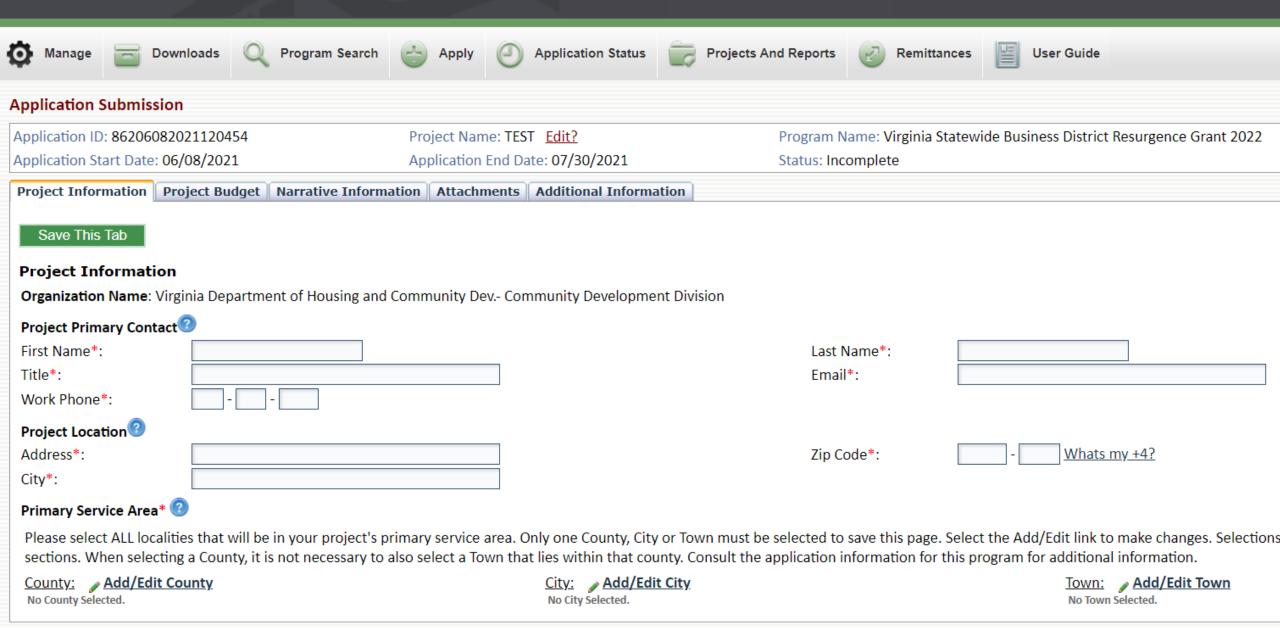


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#### **Project Budget Information**

#### **Budget Instruction:**

Complete budget information, including requested funding and other match. Within the budget narrative space, describe how the budget was derived and sources of marrative sections of the application to more fully describe your project, outcomes and budgetary allocations.

Please enter your Total Request: \$ 0.00				
Cost/Activity Category		DHCD Request	Other Funding	Total
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+ Contract Services		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ Construction	∧ Add	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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+ Planning	Add      Mark Delete	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training/Workshops/Meetings		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
+ Other	∧ Add	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Budget Narrative:				





#### Please answer following questions:

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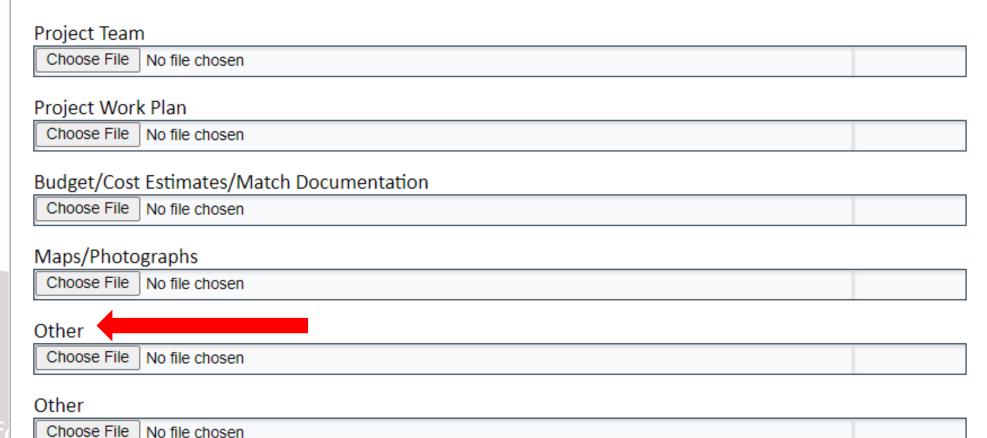
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#### Please submit/upload following required documents:





# **Questions?**



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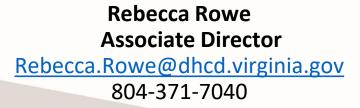
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